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House Votes to Repeal the President's Misguided Health Law

Skyrocketing costs have put quality health coverage out of reach for millions of hard-working Americans for far too long. The President's health care law, enacted in 2010, included a number of positive reforms that have bipartisan support. However, as the implementation date for some of the law's most complex elements nears, I have heard from many of my constituents as well as employers in the 31st District who are deeply concerned about the impact the law's mandates, regulations, and taxes will have on future health care costs for working families, our economic recovery, and job growth in the Inland Empire.

The law is already having a detrimental impact on our nation's small businesses - the drivers of job growth in our communities. In a Gallup survey of small business owners last month, one in five of those surveyed said they have reduced employee hours to part-time status, while 41 percent said they have held off on plans to hire new employees in anticipation of the new costs and regulatory burdens under the health care law. As the unemployment rate in San Bernardino County remains above ten percent, making it harder for small businesses to grow and create new jobs is the last thing we should be doing.

On Thursday, the House voted to repeal the President's health care law amid these serious concerns. However, we cannot return to the old, broken health care system that has failed millions of Americans. Repealing the law is just the beginning of our efforts to enact real reforms that will bring down costs to patients, expand access to affordable coverage, and protect our nation's seniors without adding to our nation's fiscal woes or making it more difficult for job creators in the Inland Empire to grow and hire more workers. I will continue to work with my colleagues in the months to come to formulate bipartisan, common sense alternatives that will lead to lower costs, better quality, and more options to meet the health needs of consumers and their families.

House Passes SEC Regulation Accountability Legislation

When formulating federal regulations, it is imperative that federal agencies take into account whether the benefits of the new rules will outweigh the costs. I was pleased when President Obama issued an executive order over two years ago directing executive branch agencies to conduct cost-benefit analyses on proposed regulations and analyze current rules to judge their effectiveness. Unfortunately, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) – whose rules can have a major impact on job creation and our economy – is not currently subject to the President's Executive Order.

This week, I supported legislation passed by the House that would require the SEC to perform cost-benefit analyses of proposed regulations. This common sense legislation would also direct the agency to identify and assess possible alternatives to proposed regulations, make efforts to minimize implementation burdens of new regulations, and review current regulations to determine if they

remain effective and necessary. These simple measures will help ensure that the SEC fulfills its mission to ensure appropriate regulations are in place to protect American investors and, as a result, will promote innovation and increase economic growth and job creation.

Honoring our Nation's Law Enforcement Officers

This week communities across the nation paid tribute to the service of our nation's local, state, and federal law enforcement officers as part of National Police Week. I commend the brave men and women who put their lives on the line each and every day to keep families in San Bernardino County and across our nation safe. As we honor their service, we also mourn for those who have fallen in the line of duty. Words cannot adequately express the sorrow we feel for their families and friends for their loss.

Protecting our neighborhoods from the horrors of gang violence, human trafficking, domestic violence, and other criminal activities remains one of my top priorities. It is vital that we ensure that those who have dedicated their careers to protecting the public have the resources necessary to fulfill their mission. I will continue to work in Congress during these fiscally challenging times to prioritize funding to strengthen public safety efforts and support our region's law enforcement officers.

Interested in Attending a U. S. Service Academy?

Each year, I have the honor of nominating a select group of students for admission to four of the U.S. Service Academies, including the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Our nation's Service Academies prepare college-age Americans to be officers of the United States armed services. Upon graduation, Service Academy graduates are commissioned as officers in the active components of their respective branch of service for a minimum of five years.

Due to the number of qualified students who apply each year, securing a congressional nomination is highly competitive. Current high school juniors or incoming seniors residing in the 31st District interested in attending a U. S. Service Academy for the 2014-2015 academic school year (Class of 2018) must submit their nomination application to my Rancho Cucamonga District Office by **November 1, 2013**. For more information about the Service Academies, how to prepare and how to apply, please visit my website or contact my District Office staff at (909) 980-1492.

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